

After reviewing the pertinent points of proposal RM-10868 I feel that the proposal does not represent the consensus of the vast majority of Amateur Radio operators. The proposal places an unnecessary emphasis on the Morse code. Further with the current emphasis on homeland defense and the Civilian Emergency Response Teams obstacles such as the having to pass Morse code to operate on HF does not make sense. The proposals concerning the testing component seem to be set up to reduce the number of amateur radio operators. With today's highly technical radios it does not make sense to have prospective amateur radio operators study everything there is to know only to have a test that covers only a portion of what was studied. The question pool helps prospective amateur radio operators to learn the important topics that are needed. I urge the Federal Communications Commission to NOT adopt the changes proposed in RM-10868.